

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Thursday, November 16, 2006

450 CHILD STREET, WARREN OFFICE, BOARD ROOM, WARREN, RI

Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Anger at 6:00 pm, in the Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street, Warren Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Bert Anger, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, Ian Morrison, Joseph Rego, John Saviano, Frank Sylvia, John Veader

Director Absent – William Lavey

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meeting were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2006, be approved.

Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Old Business, Director Sylvia reported:

1. Meter Replacement Program, Director Sylvia asked Mr. Joseph Granata, Manager of Customer and Commercial Services, to update the Board. Mr. Granata stated that software is being updated and is 1/3 complete and 140 meters had been installed in September.

2. RFP for Auditing Services – Contract Award, Committee recommends to award only (and current Auditor) bidder PCFW, LLP, as presented. The following motion was duly made and seconded

MOTION: To award bidder Prescott Chatellier Fontaine Wilkinson, LLP of Providence, RI for fiscal years ending February 2007, 2008 and 2009 for \$15,400, \$16,000 and \$16,500, respectively.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Old Business, Director Veader reported:

1. Office Front Yard Landscaping, BCWA has received a \$750 Grant. Director Veader asked that the following items - Whipple Avenue,

Barrington and 30 Kirby St., Barrington be removed from the agenda.

New Business

- 1. Pension Plan Quarterly Report, Committee requests G. Fogerty at December meeting.**

Chairman Anger stated that a Barrington Town Councilor had notified him of the brush overgrowth at the Barrington Pump Station.

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Director Klepper reported:

Old Business

- 1. Shad Pipeline, Executive Director DeLise stated that a meeting was being held Monday, November 20, 2006 with our Legal Counsel Ms. Mack, Mr. Silbovitz of Dewberry-Goodkind and Director Klepper.**

- 2. Anawan Reservoir Dam Inspection, Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was**

MOTION: To award to low bidder GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. of Providence, RI for a total of \$4,500.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- 1. Storage Tank Inspection, Committee recommends approval. Upon**

a motion duly made and seconded, it was

MOTION: To contract Merithew Inc. of Raynham, MA for inspection of BCWA's four storage tanks at a price of \$8,800 total, as presented.

Director Veader stated that Merithew had 90 days to complete the work. Director Rego stated that he would be voting against the motion, the tanks should just be fixed. Director Sylvia stated that a policy should be established to inspect the tanks every 5 years. Item to be placed on the December agenda.

Executive Director DeLise stated that the tank inspection is needed because of the problem BCWA had with the high service tank in Bristol. Inspection of all tanks will be useful as a basis for tank rehabilitation.

Motion passed 7 – 1, voting nay Director Rego.

Chairman Anger questioned when the Plant would be back in operation.

Production Superintendent Mr. Soignoli stated that there were problems with the water quality that started with the storm surge. Executive Director DeLise stated that standards have changed, the raw water is very poor. The plant cannot meet the standards. The plant now has a very high manganese level. The plant is producing

water to waste, the water is not going into the system so the manganese can be flushed out.

Director Rego stated that the Board was informed the plant would not be able to meet standards during the summer months, but that did not happen. The plant always produced water during the winter. Director Saviano stated that instead of closing the plant, BCWA should borrow money to fix the plant. Director Klepper stated that Phase II is needed to update the plant, this item should be discussed further at the December meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Public Relations/Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 6, 2006, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 6, 2006, 5:30 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 3. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, December 7, 2006, 5:15 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**
- 4. Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Thursday, December 14, 2006, 6:00 p.m., Warren Office, Boardroom, 450 Child Street.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

William J. Lavey, Jr.
BCWA Secretary